

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator BOB BROWN asked:

Senator BOB BROWN —I just wanted to ask one other question, and that is: what other countries are considering this form of action to regulate the big deposits that have been guaranteed?

Dr Henry —It is a very large number.

CHAIR —Can you take that on notice?

Dr Henry —I can take that on notice, but it is a large number.

Answer:

The use of criteria to limit deposit guarantee coverage and/or the use of up-front guarantee fees are common features of deposit guarantee and deposit insurance schemes in many jurisdictions.

International guarantee arrangements in have been structured in a number of different ways. Information on different deposit insurance/guarantee schemes can be found through the International Association of Deposit Insurers (<http://www.iasi.org>).